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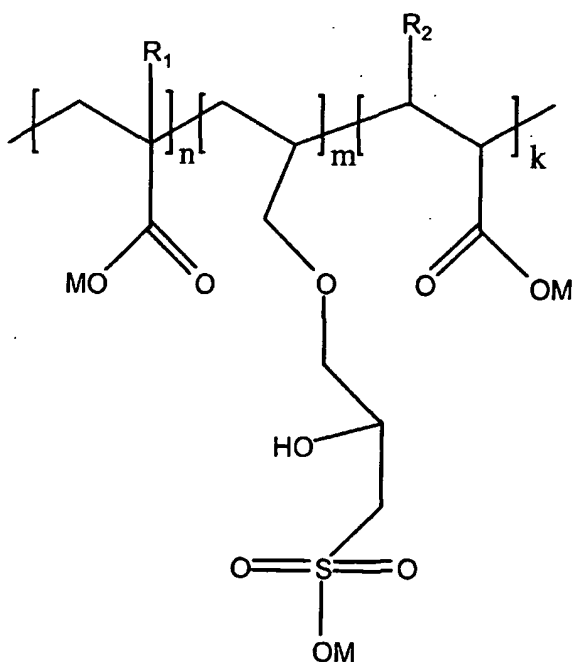
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(54) Title: A PROCESS FOR THE TREATMENT OF FIBRE MATERIAL AND NEW COMPOSITION



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(57) Abstract: The invention relates to a process for the treatment of a fibre material comprising the step of contacting the fibre material in an aqueous medium with a chelating agent and a polymer having general formula (I) wherein R_1 is a hydrogen atom or an alkyl group containing 1 to 12 carbon atoms; R_2 is $-COOM$ or $-CH_2COOM$; M is a hydrogen atom, an alkali metal ion, an alkaline earth metal ion, an ammonium ion or a mixture thereof; n , m and k are molar ratios of corresponding monomers, wherein n is 0 to 0.95, m is 0.05 to 0.9, and k is 0 to 0.8, and $(n+m+k)$ equals 1, and the weight average molecular weight is between 500 and 20,000,000 g/mol. The invention also relates to a composition comprising a chelating agent and the above polymer.



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